(c) The JWG meeting initiated the process of negotiating an early settlement of the boundary question in an atmosphere of enhanced understanding created by the Prime Minister's visit to China. Both sides reaffirmed their intention to maintain peace and tranquillity in the border areas, while recognising that there was need for confidence building arrangements. Both sides have resolved to strengthen bilateral exchanges and to continue their dialogue on regional and international issues. There was understanding that India and China held significant responsibilities for peace and stability in Asia.

Schemes for increasing the tourist traffic to Kanyakumari

*33. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various schemes formulated and under implementation to increase the flow of tourist traffic to Kanyakumari, the cape of the South;

(b) what steps have already been taken to construct a three star hotel by the India Tourism Development Corporation at Kanyakumari and what is the exact stage of this project; and

(c) whether any alternative steps are proposed to be taken by Government to build a three star hotel for the foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of India Tourism Development Corporation for the construction of a three star hotel at Kanyakumari.

(c) In the private sector, the Department of Tourism have approved one hotel project of three star category with a capacity of 60 rooms, which is under construction at Kanyakumari.

Statement

During the Seventh Plan the following schemes formulated by the State Government has been sanctioned by the Central Department of Tourism, which are at various stages of implementation to increase the flow of tourist traffic to Kanyakumari, the cape of the South:

(i) Construction of 8 Beach Cottages

(ii) Construction of a Cafeteria

(iii) Tourist amenities at Bathing Ghats

(iv) Purchase of a Ferry launch

(v) Floodlighting of Vivakananda Rock Memorial.

Air worthiness of new Boeing Aircraft

*34. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of new 747-400 Boeing aircrafts available with Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether Government are aware that certain European coun-